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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to veterans affairs by expanding the definition
2 of veteran.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 35.1, subsection 2, paragraph b,
2 subparagraphs (1) and (2), Code 2014, are amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (1) Former members of the reserve forces of the United
5 States who served at least twenty years in the reserve forces
6 and who were discharged under honorable conditions. However, a
7 member of the reserve forces of the United States who ~~completed~~
8 ~~a minimum aggregate of ninety days of~~ served on federal active
9 duty, other than training, and was discharged under honorable
10 conditions, or was retired under Tit. 10 of the United States
11 Code shall be included as a veteran.

12 (2) Former members of the Iowa national guard who served
13 at least twenty years in the Iowa national guard and who were
14 discharged under honorable conditions. However, a member of
15 the Iowa national guard who ~~was activated for~~ served on state
16 active duty or federal active duty, other than training, ~~for~~
17 ~~a minimum aggregate of ninety days,~~ and was discharged under
18 honorable conditions or was retired under Tit. 10 of the United
19 States Code shall be included as a veteran.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill relates to veterans affairs by expanding the
24 definition of veteran in Code section 35.1.

25 Under current law the term veteran includes former members
26 of the reserve forces of the United States who served at least
27 20 years in the reserve forces and who were discharged under
28 honorable conditions and members of the reserve forces who
29 completed a minimum aggregate of 90 days of federal active
30 duty, other than training, and were discharged under honorable
31 conditions, or retired under Title 10 of the United States
32 Code.

33 The term also includes former members of the Iowa national
34 guard who served at least 20 years in the Iowa national guard
35 and who were discharged under honorable conditions and members

1 of the Iowa national guard who were activated for federal duty,
2 other than training, for a minimum aggregate of 90 days, and
3 were discharged under honorable conditions or were retired
4 under Title 10 of the United States Code.

5 The bill maintains current law for former members who served
6 at least 20 years, but provides that any member of the reserve
7 forces of the United States who served on federal active duty,
8 other than training, and any Iowa national guard member who
9 served on state or federal active duty, other than training,
10 who was discharged under honorable conditions or was retired
11 under Title 10 of the United States Code shall be included as
12 a veteran.

13 The definition of veteran in Code section 35.1 is cited
14 elsewhere throughout the Code, including in provisions related
15 to veterans benefits, employment, education, property taxes,
16 and insurance.